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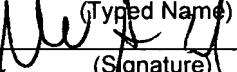


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and BEAT KRAMER]	
Application No. 10/553,311]	Examiner:
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For: DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE MEANS]	Attorney Docket 1-17130
FOR A GAS METER ARRANGEMENT,]	
COMPRISING AN IMPROVED FLOW]	
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It is requested that this additional document be fully considered and made of record in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

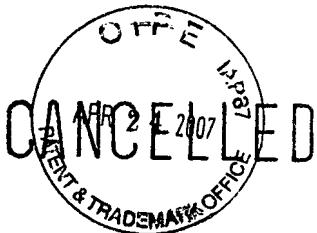


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